

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(currently amended) An animal sweat scraper adapted to scrape sweat from an animal, comprising:

a core made of a first resilient material, said core defining an elongated curved scraper blade having a scraper surface shaped to remove sweat and debris from an animal, and a handle extending from one end of said scraper blade;

a sheath made of a second resilient material, said sheath provided on said core and along a length of said scraper blade defining a pair of sharp V-shaped scraper blade edges adapted to scrape sweat from an animal, each of said scraper blade edges comprising a lateral sidewall and a topwall disposed along said scraper surface, said sidewall and said topwall meeting along a sharp edge extending away from said scraper surface to define each of said blade edges; and

wherein said first resilient material is less resilient than said second resilient material ~~and wherein said scraper blade is longer than said handle.~~

2.(cancelled)

3.(cancelled)

4.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said first resilient material comprises a polymer.

5.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 4 wherein said first resilient material comprises polypropylene.

6.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said second resilient material comprises a polymer.

7.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 6 wherein said second resilient material comprises a rubber.

8.(cancelled)

9.(cancelled)

10.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said second resilient material comprises a thermoplastic vulcanate.

11.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 10 wherein said second resilient material comprises an ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber and a polymer.

12.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 10 wherein said second resilient material comprises an ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber and polypropylene.

13.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 1, wherein said blade comprises an elongated trough-shaped blade.

14.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 1, further comprising an interlock formed between said scraper blade and said sheath.

15.(original) The sweat scraper of claim 14, wherein said interlock comprises a tongue and groove interlock.

16.(cancelled)

17.(cancelled)

18.(cancelled)

19.(Previously added) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said scraper blade edges are substantially parallel with one another.

20.(Previously added) The sweat scraper of claim 1 wherein said scraper blade has a substantially constant width.